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FALL IN LABOUR EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a constant fall in labour employment;

(b) if so, the details of such decline recorded during the last three years and the current years;

(c) the factors attributed thereto; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to check this downward trend and improve the position specially of labours engaged in beedi industry, weaving sector etc.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) & b) Estimates of Employment and Unemployment are obtained through Labour Force Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation from time to time. The results of the surveys indicate that the annual growth rate of employment in the country which was of the order of 2% in 1983-94 has gone down to 0.98% during 1994-2000 as per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status approach.

c) The economy did not grow at the desired rate.

d) The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.